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U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Amphibious Force, 24 August 1942
Commander R. A. J. English (Bob, Class 1922)
Comments on War College and Sound Military Decision,
particularly about NWC problems about Marine invasion of
Saipan.

General Board, Department of the Navy, 1 December 1942
Admiral Kalbfus
Insight into Kalbfus ideas and opinion.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

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2 January 1942

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MEMORANDUM For: Rear Admiral Rowcliff.

SUBJECT: Heavier-Than-Air Aircraft Carrier.

1. The proposal to use a large airplane as a carrier for small fighter airplanes has been made from time to time. Some studies have been made, in a general way, to evaluate the possibilities but these preliminary studies did not indicate sufficient promise to justify further detailed study. The inherent defect in the scheme is believed to be fundamental.

2. It is possible, of course, to carry a small aircraft on a larger one. The "Mayo Composite" arrangement was proposed as a means of getting a very high performance small airplane into the air. The larger airplane in this case is essentially a flying catapult or means of assisted take-off and it was demonstrated that the scheme did function as designed. It is noted, however, that no military application of the scheme has been made in England, where it was developed.

3. Other proposals have assumed that, until the separation is effected, the smaller components function as a part of the whole and contribute their share of the thrust and lift. However, nothing is said about their contributing a very generous amount of additional drag. It is in this feature that the scheme appears impracticable. The drag of the composite unit depends largely on the gross weight, wing area and span. Attaching one or more small airplanes on a larger airplane means a large amount of additional weight, which must come out of the useful load of the large airplane. This is objectionable but probably not as bad as the effect of the attached airplanes on the induced drag of the whole, with a resultant unacceptable loss of range.

4. These objections are fundamental physical facts. Until airplanes are built so large that small fighters can be stowed within the structure and add but a small percentage to the normal gross load of the parent craft it seems wholly impracticable to consider the scheme. For anything we now have in sight the penalty on the performance of the parent craft is prohibitive.

5. The Martin XPB2M-1, the largest flying boat in existence today, is less than one fourth as large as a carrier plane would have to be in order that it carry fighters ready for launching within the hull. This airplane design was started five years ago and has cost a number of millions to design and build. It is impossible to predict the time that would be expended to develop a carrier boat as large as indicated with the necessary power plant installations. The development of engines and propellers alone would be a major engineering project. A design such as this is so far from present experience that no one is capable of designing it without years spent in structural analysis and aerodynamic and hydrodynamic research and test.

*Rever Dick - Come again
to see us.*

(SGD) J. H. TOWERS
Rear Admiral U.S.N.,
Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics.

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HUGH TRENT MACKAY

January, 12, 1942

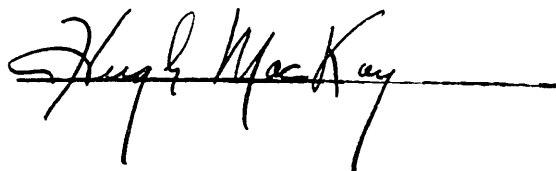
Dear Captain Bates,

Your letter was most appreciated. Thank you very much. Have been wondering when you will go to sea. I left the Clark in September and came to the Cassin. The Clark was around last week and she has been changed considerably. A better ship now too. Did you know that of seventy-two ships inspected by the Board under Admiral Gannon only two, the Selfridge and Clark, were commended ?

Things were not near as bad in Honolulu as the reports would indicate. Marion is still here. She appreciated your letter also.

Hank Duvall is the skipper of a new destroyer I have heard. Gallery is ashore at Hampton Roads now. I see Captain Mayfield about quite often.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hugh Mackay", followed by a horizontal line.

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GEORGE G. BREED
133 WEST 11 STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Jan. 20, 1942.

Dear Rafe:

I understand that you were instrumental in helping young Calvert to obtain a commission in the Canadian Navy.

I have been told that I cannot be commissioned in our navy. I do not wish to sit on the sidelines at such a time, if there is any means by which I can get to sea in any capacity. Having kept up with the seafaring life, I believe I can be useful.

Under the circumstances, I do not ask nor would I allow you to use any influence in my behalf, but it occurred to me that you might be able to suggest the person to see and to give me helpful advice on the procedure. My chances with the Canadians may not be any better, but it is possible that they will have a different basis for their estimate of the qualities they need in their navy.

I shall be most deeply grateful for any assistance you can give. Should you wish to discuss the matter I will be glad to come to Newport or wherever you may be stationed, if it is not too remote from New York.

I will appreciate it if you will consider this matter confidential.

Sincerely,

George

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HEADQUARTERS
FIRST NAVAL DISTRICT
NORTH STATION OFFICE BUILDING
150 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

January 24, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain:

Your letter of January 21, 1942, addressed to the Commandant, has been referred to the District Personnel Officer for consideration and reply.

Inasmuch as Mr. Robert Phelps, to whom you refer in your letter, is now serving as a Chief Gunner's Mate on the U.S.S. ST. AUGUSTINE, he will have to apply to his commanding officer for appointment to commissioned rank in the Naval Reserve. He may do this in accordance with Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter #156-41, dated December 23, 1941, or he may apply for temporary promotion in accordance with Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter #139-41.

The commanding officer of the U.S.S. ST. AUGUSTINE undoubtedly has these references and I am sure will be pleased to give Mr. Phelps' request favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

H. G. COPELAND,
Captain, USNR.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1942.

Dear Rafe:

It was very thoughtful - yet so like you - to write and wish me well in the new job. You are a very loyal friend.

The job is bound to be interesting and it will be a privilege to be with him even for a short time. I must, you know, keep my eye on the big target - a combatant command.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John McCuen

Captain R. W. Bates, U. S. Navy,
U. S. Naval War College,
Newport, R. I.

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REFER TO No.

June 6

**OFFICE OF
COMMANDANT FIFTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
BALBOA, CANAL ZONE**

January 28, 1942

Dear Captain Bates,

Just the other day I wrote Captain Crosby a letter requesting him to inform me as to when the next Preparatory Staff Course commenced. I put in a request in November for the one due to start 5 January and I have never heard if it had started then or not.

Down here, "scuttlebutt" has it that the class did not commence but that it is expected to sometime in the Spring. However, we are without any official word here.

The reason I am writing you is because I was out last night with my old friend Captain John "Babe" Brown and in the course of talking over old times at the Union Club, I brought up the subject of the War College and how very desirous I was of receiving its benefits, whereupon he told me to write to you.

I remember well receiving the hospitality of your charming home at Nailua Beach with our mutual friend, Eva King.

Any information you may see fit to give me regarding the present or future status of the Course, will be greatly appreciated.

Kindest personal regards

Respectfully,



Forrest Tucker
Lt. Comdr., USNR.

Captain Richard W. Bates, USN.
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island.

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**BUREAU OF SHIPS
NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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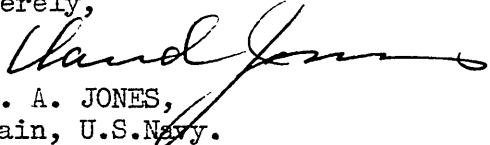
February 3, 1942.

My dear Bates:

I am turning the matter sent me with your letter of 31 January on the subject of boilers over to the Boiler Section for their information. In case Mr. McTarnahan shows up, we will take care of him.

Thanks very much for your well wishes and your complimentary remarks as regards the work of the Bureau of Ships. It is certainly appreciated, as most of the things we receive are knocks and troubles.

Yours sincerely,


C. A. JONES,
Captain, U.S. Navy.

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

Febr 6, 1942.

Dear Rafe: -

Many thanks for your nice letter the thoughts and sentiments expressed. I very much appreciate hearing from my friends always, but especially at such a time. -

I was somewhat stunned at the first blow but am up and fighting my best for the war effort. I refuse to let such a disappointment keep me down or develop any bitterness. The Board was

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composed of nine representative naval officers who made the decision which I must and do accept as fair and impartial.

My immediate position here is much more disconcerting, as in accordance with Bu Nav War Plans the Reserve Division is absorbed in War Time by the divisions handling the regulars, in other words Officer Detail and Enlisted detail officers and Training. There is left only a nucleus of my former division with Budget, Merchant

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Marine, Plans and Policy so in the
not too distant future I expect to go
back to Operations where they have
a job for me. —

This, of course, is all with the
understanding with Admiral Jacobs
that if those in my status can go
to sea, I shall go when a suitable
sea billet turns up. —

Again accept my thanks for your
much appreciated letters. —

With very best wishes and lots
of luck" to you.

Sincerely

Chap. —

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Naval Hospital,
Portsmouth Va.
Feb 8, 1942

My dear Raf: -

I appreciate the warm friendship of your letter and thank you for it.

My progress has been steady, and I am now back to normal from what took place. That is I am through a period of rest and treatment which seems the routine for an attack of this kind, which includes six weeks in bed. Apparently I have suffered no damage, & I could now pass the annual physical examination requirements. The damage, however, to reputation is: physical endurance, etc. stands, what effect this will eventually have has in the future - the medical survey & I that is unsatisfactory, the retirement board.

Strange as it may seem I have neither regrets for the brief but splendid cruise in the Mississippi nor fears for myself. I know time I'd be inclined to turn in my spit after what has happened. But this isn't peace time, and I believe that all of us who are trained will be needed. I believe that what has been impassable barriers may now be surmounted. I believe that if I can stand before the doctors, fit within their standards and tests, they will examine the circumstances of what happened to me, and be willing to doubt the barrier "because it happened once it will happen again". The doctors will have to say, for unless they do certify me as fit, I'd have no right to allow my personal desires to press.

Mary Belle & Betty have been here. Without their daily visit I might not have been able to take this patient but treatment at the end of this week I think we'll be showing off for Hot Springs, Arkansas. There, in sunshine and relaxation, I am supposed to push within and stabilize my present recovery.

I miss the College, and the exceptionally fine group of officers who constitute the staff. Anybody who has seen or the staff has ever after an affection for the College - the feeling of belonging. This last year I enjoyed the most, I believe the association with you, and the others was the reason. Also I feel that for all of us those working under Admiral Kaelber means much - not only because of himself, but by reason of his long association with the College.

I am wondering what your immediate ambitions are. No doubt you are fretting to get to sea. Does a new cruiser pull you? Ben Perry was in to see me when on the way to his old man told you that he was willing over with anticipation & enthusiasm.

As for my future movements, he expects to return to our house in Norfolk about March fifteenth, and what comes after that depends - I am indeed hopeful.

Now the first person you hear saying "Bow de Cane", stop him, because I have none of that myself. Being thanking you
Sincerely your friend Sam Small.

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COMMANDANT
U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
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February 18
1942

Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe,

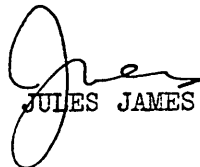
Many thanks for your nice letter.
I greatly appreciate your writing me.

I am, of course, much pleased -
perhaps more pleased than I would have
been last year.

We have enjoyed this duty, but it
has been difficult and tough. My family
has been evacuated. They are now in
Haverford.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


JULES JAMES

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HOWARD W. TAYLOR, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
2107 FIDELITY-PHILADELPHIA TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

March 11, 1942

Captain Richard Bates,
Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

Dear Captain Bates:

Mrs. Wear told me about your telephone call on Monday, and your suggestion that I try to get into the A.V.S. course in Rhode Island. This would be very much in line with the type of thing I would like to do, but I believe that the minimum age requirement is twenty eight, and I will not be twenty eight until November 19 of this year. no

A friend of mine recently completed the V-7 course at Northwestern University in Chicago and tells me that there is some talk about organizing a similar course for married men to train them as deck officers to take over the work now being done by single deck officers at shore bases, thus relieving the single officers for sea duty. This is exactly the type of thing I would like to do, and I would appreciate very much learning whether there is any truth to these rumors.

*Can be enlisted
if wife agrees
apparently that
she is not
dependent*

I was classified as 3A by my Draft Board last July, but I believe that I will be reclassified as 1A almost any time now. I apologize for this typewritten letter, but we are extremely busy now with income tax returns, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Taylor Jr.

HWT Jr.
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SUBMARINES, ATLANTIC FLEET

New London, Conn
13 May, 1942.

Dear Bates:-

Your letter of 7 March, addressed Pearl Harbor, has just been received. I was detached Pearl Harbor the middle of March, arrived here the 30th and took Command of Submarines, Atlantic.

It made me feel good to hear from you, and I thoroughly appreciate your congratulations.

I will never forget the excellent work you did in Bu Eng war Plans. At that time, it took considerable enthusiasm and pep to do anything in logistic planning. You had both, plus sound ideas.

This job of mine is not so near the scene of action as was Pearl Harbor, nevertheless

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it keeps me busy, and is certainly interesting. I can understand your desire to get to sea, and sink the bastards. Well, it looks like it'll be a long war, and when you do go to sea, I know your Command will have the spirit and efficiency to uphold the highest standards.

Best regards.

Sincerely
Dauhin.

U.S.S. Republic,
c/o P.M., San Francisco.
Thursday May 14, 1942.

Dear life:

With the current term just about finished and your second year on shore nearly over, I am wondering if this will reach you at the W.C.

First, I am no longer in the Louisville. I took command of the Republic on May 8. She is an old Army Transport, taken over by the Navy last year. She is an old ship, built in England in 1907, was acquired by the Germans and sailed as the President Grant. Interned in New York in 1914, she was taken by the Navy as a transport in 1917, and I sailed in several convoys with her. And now here I am running the ship. She is a big one, although slow.

When I arrived in the Tow here on

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~~May~~ April 3 for a two months
 dry yard overhaul, I took a few
 days leave and flew to Jacksonville.
 Then one week and while visiting
 Mrs Ginder in Tallahassee, a friend
 of Russell's, she developed telephonitis
 and hence the call to Newport. I
 left Jax on Apr 15 and we went
 by Rockford, Ill, to visit my mother
 and sisters and were back in S.F.
 by April 20. There I found my
 orders to the Republic. Although
 it is always swell to have your
 own command, I was disappointed
 that it had to be a transport
 instead of a combatant ship. I
 even would have rather stayed as
 exec of the Louisville. What
 burns me up is that we just came
 back from the Coral Sea before
 the big excitement down there.

These two month cruises at sea are strenuous, but they certainly are developing fine crews out of green men and are making good officers out of green reserves. Also the area I have been in since the first of the year was the scene of our westward shot & Tac problems. That was interesting to me to see how the imagined set ups lined up with the real situation, and to see how our solutions compared with the things we actually tried to do. In many cases I was convinced that our solutions were sound and we more or less followed those lines. Our studies of those areas have been immensely valuable and for that reason intensely interesting. I was in on the Marshall Islands affair, but that is all to date. Our endless weeks at sea before and since have been fruitless, and now when we

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left the area, the Task Forces are having the time of a lifetime.

I was hoping I might be able to get one of the new 6000 ton cruisers, but I see where your class and 1916 have them sewed up.

This ship has only one regular officer besides myself, and that is the exec. He is an "ex-temp." from the last war and fits in between 1920 and 1921. All the others are reserves, but I have a classmate of yours as first lt. He is M. T. Kinna, resigned in 1922, enrolled in the reserves and now here he is as a Lt Edw USNR. I feel a little uneasy at times because he once was so senior to me, in fact a first classman when I was a plebe, but there is no need to feel that way, for he is doing

a bang-up job and is making my life easy because of it.

I wish it were possible to write freely of everything, but because of censorship rules, you know it can't be done. However, I do say, that because of your superior knowledge of the Western Pacific Area you ought to get to see and out there where I know you can do a lot of good. I remember the last Strat Prob where you were

Blue C in C. You have done your share at the W.C., now you should try it out in real life and I would give my eye teeth to be with you to help you.

I expect to be around here another two or three weeks. Well

came back with me of course, We are living at 535 Seary St, and when I finally shore off, Newell will return to Jacksonville.

It was awful to hear about Harold Rocks. I saw Ken Tamm in Manila on Nov 25, and I suppose he is a prisoner now. I saw Rocks then, too, in fact had a drink with him at the Club. I had dinner with Roy Brunner there that night and a couple of weeks ago I thought I saw a ghost, for then he was in the lobby of the St. Francis, having just arrived from Australia enroute to Washington.

I know I am not going to like this transport business, simply because there are so many more interesting billets. But I suppose I will have to have a go at it until I cease to be classed among the junior captives. Things move

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fast these days and I never
thought I ever would reach that
grade so soon, if at all.

In the meantime, don't let
your pen get rusty and let me
know the "shoreide" point of view.

Sincerely
Johnny.

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In reply address not the signer of this
letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 3, 1942.

Dear Rafe:

This is in reply to your letter of June 1,
addressed to Barry Wilson. You just missed him as
he was detached on Monday.

In accordance with a request of Admiral
Kalbfus, you are to remain where you are for the
time being. We shall endeavor to await advice
from Admiral Kalbfus before issuing you any other
orders.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely,

Bill Fechteler

W. M. Fechteler.

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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2107 FIDELITY-PHILADELPHIA TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

July 22, 1942

Dear Captain Bates:

Katherine Potter Taylor arrived about 3 A.M. Monday morning weighing well over 8 lbs. Elizabeth feels fine and the baby already looks stronger and healthier than some of the other babies that are two or three weeks old. I am mighty pleased with the whole performance!

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I am wondering how soon I can expect to hear anything definite from the Navy. One of the other younger men in the office applied for IVS and his papers went to Washington just a week before mine did. He received his commission on Monday so I guess I can expect to hear almost any day now.

I am having a grand time studying some books I have bought in anticipation of going to Quonset such as "The Blue Jacket's Manual", "The Watch Officer's

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Guide", "Essentials of Modern Navigation,"
"Naval Leadership", "Naval Customs, Traditions
and Usage" and the Articles for the
Government of the Navy (which is in
our law library).

Mrs. Wear sends you her love.

I think it was almost more of an ordeal
for her than it was for Elizabeth. She
looked as white as a sheet when it was
all over but she is fine now.

Thanks again for the interest you have
taken in me and in my application
With best regards, Bodie

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WM. CLARKE MASON
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2107 FIDELITY-PHILADELPHIA TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

July 30, 1942

Captain Richard W. Bates, USN
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Captain Bates:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 1942. I am returning the enclosure to you herewith.

On July 24, 1942 I received my Commission as Lieutenant (jg) to rank from July 7, 1942, which had been signed July 15, 1942. I was sworn in on the 24th of July but as yet have not received any orders at all.

Elizabeth admits being a "healthy wretch", but takes violent exception to your statement that having a baby is incidental. You are certainly going to have quite an argument on your hands the next time you see her.

Thanks again for the interest you have taken in me. Elizabeth, Mrs. Wear and Katherine Potter Taylor all send their love.

Very truly yours,

Howard W. Taylor, Jr.

HWT, Jr.
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Encl.

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In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

23 July 1942.

Dear Captain Bates:

1. It would appear that your Mr. Taylor is more fortunate than at first believed. Since my last letter the August class at Quonset has been increased in size and I have received excellent assurance that Mr. Taylor will be ordered to the Class at Quonset next month. It will require a little fast work on the part of our "red tape" artists, but I think it can be done alright. Certainly he will be in the October class.

2. My plans for Mr. Taylor call for a short tour (about a month) in Washington, after which time he will probably be ordered to some station in Florida. There are other possibilities which may come up prior to his graduation from Quonset, but I feel sure that any duty assigned to Mr. Taylor will not be in Washington, except, for a very short period.

3. I trust that this will meet with your approval and am only too glad to be of some assistance. Commander Rees has returned, sends his best regards, and would appreciate a line from you at your convenience.

Best regards,

Sincerely,


C. S. Cooper,
Lt. Cdr. USN.

Captain R. W. Bates, USN,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.



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VADM Ret

FRANK HODGES CLARK
POST OFFICE BOX 67
CAPE NEDDICK
MAINE

Thursday July 30 - 42

Dear Peter:

Your welcome letter yesterday. Which indicates in acc of Dr. Stogor. Nina has known him since 1920. He had something to think with.

I like your reference to a letter from Nina. I wrote you one myself about May 1st letter of our prospective movements and gave you a cordial invitation to come here any time after May 6th. So far that letter remains unanswered. I thought you were smart enough to write for long and to keep you in gas. Think you have a close mate at Palmyra (Captain of Guard) may be that don't come any more.

I envy you your stenographer.

Perhaps Steve was held up because Patrick is in hospital.

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The only connection is that Parrish
was our plan. 2d floor as shown
was plan. 3d floor. Any how Parrish
was standing on a barrel cutting
a limb off a tree & fell through
the hole in bottom & crashed in
ligament.

So you are that of sketches.
Mr. M. Taylor has that job over.

Some one there put me on the
carpet but Pleasant saved my
life by telling him I always
had the right answer but didn't
write down.

You must have quite a problem
on your hands. Almost any old place,
any time, as a place that
cannot be denied by experts.

Roberts on family plan life &
some fish is in the market. The
letter chapter I believe that
best. Golden Bannet Cove has been
on the road side at Wells for about
a week.

None is much improved on last
year. Goes to let some milk before
730 as about before night. Sincerely,
J. C. Clark.

File No.

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET
AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

Naval Operating Base,
Norfolk, Va.
24 August, 1942.

Dear Captain Bates:

This is to express to you my gratitude for the confidence you placed in me in recommending me for this job. Frankly, I feel that I am not worthy of your approbation. The War College course makes the student realize how little he really knows, and convinces him that his profession is one in which he may spend a lifetime and still not rise above mediocrity.

I did not complete the special work in Hydro when orders were issued sending me here. I had been assigned to command of the repair ship ALCOR, Sandy Sharp's flagship, but those orders were modified when Admiral Hewitt acted upon Admiral Kalbfus' recommendations. I was anxious to finish up that special job but it was deferred because it was of little importance to the Navy until this show is over.

This is the second time I have served under my present boss, so it is a very happy assignment to me personally. Our task is greatly confused by the unsettled concepts in the minds of the higher command. It is apparent to me from what I read that the Supreme Commanders are NOT using S.M.D. It presages ill for our cause to have the High Command muddle along, vacillating and irresolute, attempting to reach decisions of national import by such processes as psychic inspiration, wishful hopes, and plain ordinary hunches. I am certain that we would be on firmer ground if our national strategy was developed by the logical processes of S.M.D. This is an observation; NOT a criticism of my superiors!!!

Would it be possible for this command to have copies of the Staff Solutions of the Strategical and Tactical problems given to the last W.C. class? Also a copy of the solution of the Marine Corps problem on SAIPAN? Those documents would be of inestimable value to us because we have a large staff of army and navy officers, and we must correlate our plans in every detail. I hesitate to write to Admiral Kalbfus about this but I knew that you would be an understanding soul who could sell it to the Admiral if that was necessary.

Be assured that I cherish the splendid tutoring I received from you and that I value your advice most highly. I could never tackle this assignment had I had a less brilliant or less capable instructor. All that I can say is that I hope that I can prove myself worthy of your tireless efforts in behalf of my W.C. class.

Please remember me to the Admiral, Dick Cruzen, and my other friends at the W.C.

With best personal regards,

Respectfully yours,

English
R.A.J. ENGLISH.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

25 August 1942



Dear "Com-Man-Der" (or if you are going to go Comdr. Wood on me I'll say -

Dear Captain Bates:

Have been thinking about you latelay and wishing you were around so we could have a long and friendly chat. There are so many things happening these days. I just called the Detail Office and they tell me your address is Naval War College. Say, I know by now you have all the latest schemes planned and worked out on this War situation and I vote for you to start putting them into effect. Or was the Solomon Island your first release?

Anyway what are you doing these days and are you still A-Loving and A-Leaving the Ladies. I always had hopes that you would be back some day but now I've done something about your seeming negligence. Ha, Ha! Shame on you!

Ed and I are going to be married on 5 September - One for Mr. Ripley, eh? I know you are shocked and I hope, you realize that at last I got around to your way of thinking. You see I guess Uncle Sam is really Cupid because Ed was transferred to the US Veterans Hospital at Lyons, N.J., on 10 July. Well he has a nice home up there along with his job. I didn't want any other lady to take over his home so I'm going up to run it - of course he gave me first refusal. Then again, his daughter finished at Wellesley this June - so you see I get a husband and a Sweet Girl Graduate all at the same time. I fess up - I am quite thrilled about everything and wish you were here to enjoy this happening with me. Of course, I know you would just have me blushing at some of your remarks. Anyway it would be lots of fun.

Helen Rhoderick Hale went home with me last night to see my needle point chair - I don't believe I was working on this while you were here but it was the fancy work I took up after discarding my knitting. Well on the outside of the building we bumped into Comdr. Thomas. He has lost some weight - and he could well afford to do this. He is just as he used to be in the Good Old Days when Bates was here with us. He was surprised to know Helen was married and even moreso to know I was about to plunge. He promised to drop into see us before I leave on 31 August.

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Yes my resignation is in and I wind up after business next Monday. I had hoped to have a small wedding down home with just members of the immediate family present. Well three weeks ago Mother tripped on next to the bottom step going down in our basement, fell, and broke her hip. She was in the hospital for two weeks and then we bought a hospital bed and brought Mother home along with a train nurse - she is right in the midst of her friends and family and seems happier there. Mother is 70 years old but the Dr. encourages us about the outcome of this accident. She is doing nicely but of course is quite uncomfortable. A wedding is too much excitement for her now so Ed is coming down on Friday, 4 September. We will have dinner with friends here that night, and then on Saturday we are stopping in at the parsonage of Dr. Burgan - minister at Hamline Methodist Church here and a cousin of mine, and be married. From thence we will take a short wedding trip as Ed has to be back to work on Tuesday morn, 8 September.

Well that's the story and I wanted you to know it in advance of a formal announcement. Aren't you glad that another one of your problems is being so nicely settled?

Might drop me a line to let me know the latest on you and your activities. Would be so nice to hear from you.

Again - a Bright Spot of my Life was those Years you were on duty here in the Bureau - we laid the groundwork for the Security and other things all right. How about it?

The best of luck to you. And shall I say -

"Lovingly",

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